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daily.

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The Penalty for non compliance is a
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TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.
7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS.
8.50 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.30 p.m. to 11.00
p.m., every half hour.
11.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. every quarter of
an hour.

SUNDAYS.
8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
12.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.
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£23,970,587.
I—Authorized Capital £8,000,000
Subscribed Capital £4,000,000
Paid-up Capital £2,437,500
II—Fire Funds £3,537,047
III—Life & Annuity Funds £17,537,590
Sinking Fund Account £23,970,587

Revenue Fire Branch £9,381,456
Life and Annuity £1,141,593
Branches £37,233
Revenue Marine Department £48,940
Other Receipts £2,523,228

The Accumulative Funds of the various
Branches are separately invested and, by
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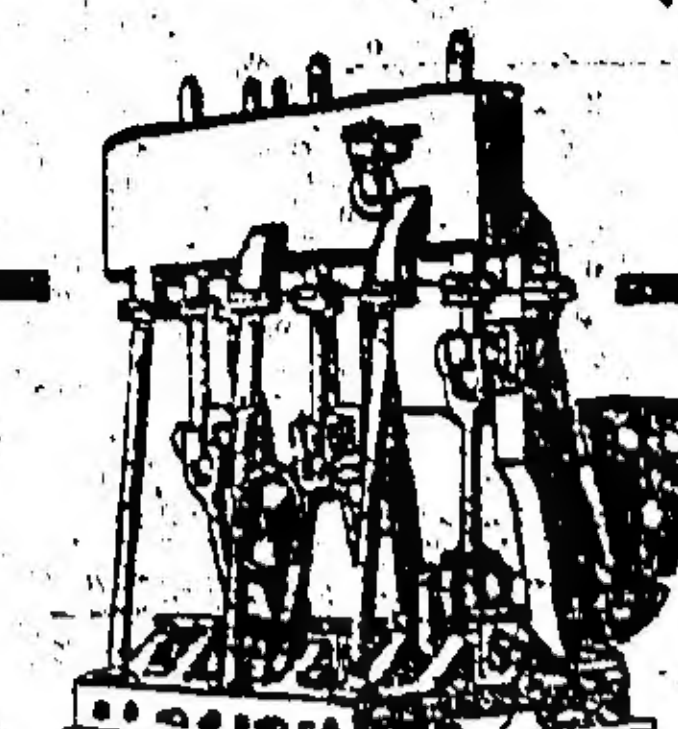
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4 A.M. 'FATSHAN' 8 A.M. 'HONAM'

10 P.M. 'HONAM' 5 P.M. 'HEUNGSHAN'

TUESDAY, 5th DECEMBER.

8 A.M. 'HEUNGSHAN' 8 A.M. 'FATSHAN'

10 P.M. 'FATSHAN' 5 P.M. 'HONAM'

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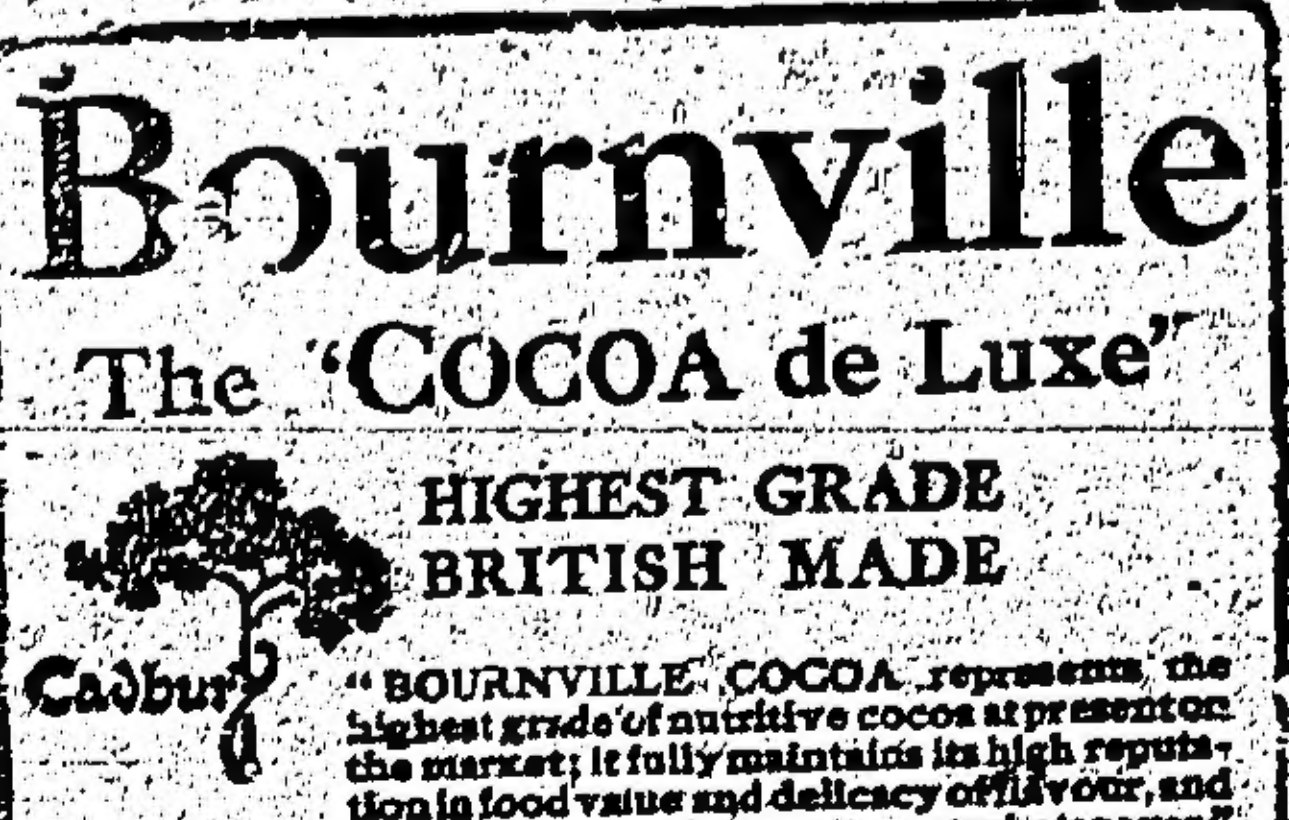
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The China Mail

THE
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TO-DAY, MONDAY:

10.15 a.m. Service in the Cathedral.
5.30 p.m. do
6.30 p.m. Men Only, City Hall.
Subject: 'Why doesn't God stop the War?' Questions invited.

TO-MORROW, TUESDAY:

10.15 a.m. Service in the Cathedral.
5.30 p.m. do
6.30 p.m. Men Only, City Hall.
Subject: 'Is Christianity Played Out?'
Hongkong, Dec. 4, 1916.

THE DIARY.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, Dec. 5:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at Messrs. Hughes and Houghton.
10.45 a.m.—Auction of Jewellery, Biscuits etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Houghton.

Entries close for Woodhouse Cup (Ladies' Foursomes, Fencing).
8.40 p.m.—Full Moon.

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8 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by S.S. "Taishan".

Monday, Dec. 11:—
8 p.m.—Sale of Crown Land at P.W.D.

Friday, Dec. 15:—
Entries close for Ladies' Championship, R.H.K. Golf Club.

Feb. 15, Sat. 16, Mon. 17 & Tues. 20:—
A.D.C. Performance of "Kismet" in aid of "Star and Garter" Fund.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The s.s. "Changchow" which arrived from Bangkok yesterday reported:—"Strong heavy N. E. monsoon and high, rough sea throughout. Vessel found to be strained forward and leaky."

The following members of "A" Coy., H.K.V.R. will parade at Blake Pier at 3.30 p.m. to-morrow for Musketry. Dress: Drill order. Ptes. A. G. Coppin, A. J. J. Brock, J. Carr, T. W. Mackay, A. R. F. Raven, N. E. Kent.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—
Brass & Iron Dealers Guild \$60
Hon. Mr. Lau Chi Pak \$50

A New York telegram to Manila states that Geo. M. Church and Harold A. Throckmorton, two well-known tennis players, are leaving soon for Manila. They are planning to stay over at Honolulu and Japan on the way back from the Philippines, and during these periods will challenge the best tennis talent in both places. George M. Church stood 8th out of ten in the official ranking among tennis players for 1915. Harold A. Throckmorton is the champion of the Woodbridge High School, New Jersey.

Having heard that the Canton-Hankow Railway has decided to establish its head station at Hain Ho, below Wuchang, many merchants Chinese and others, have been falling over themselves in a brisk effort to secure business accommodation from the railway for it is commonly realised that should the general assumption prove well-founded, the place will become a very prosperous trading centre in the near future. So far, however, no request for such accommodation has been received to—*Peking Daily News*.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

News has been received in Kobe by cable, says the "Japan Chronicle," of the death at the front of Mr. G. W. Hawkins, who was for some time in charge of the Yokohama office of Messrs. Samuel and Co., and of which firm he was a managing director. A very brilliant business-man, he was very popular with his staff, and the news of his death in battle will be received with real regret.

THE NATIONAL MISSION OF
REPENTANCE AND HOPE.

Bishop Norris, who is conducting the National Mission of Repentance and Hope in Hongkong, preached both morning and evening at St. John's Cathedral yesterday to good congregations and in the evening addressed a well attended meeting in the City Hall, taking as text the words "Seek ye the Lord, ye shall live."—Amos v. 6. The Bishop in the course of his address said he was sure that there was not a man or woman present who would not agree with him when he said that God was punishing us for our sins.

The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, Pastor of Union Church, presided over the meeting. "Why God doesn't stop the War" will be dealt with by Bishop Norris at a meeting for men only in the Chamber of Commerce room, City Hall, to-night, commencing at 6.30 p.m. Questions are invited.

CLOSING SHARE QUOTATIONS.

	3.30 p.m.
Banks	9730 buyers
Unions	925 sales
Hongkong Fire	375 buyers
Douglases	1204 buyers
Indos	1331 buyers
Malabons	37 buyers
Docks	130 buyers
Cements	114 buyers
Watsons	630 buyers

A GERM DESTROYER.

THERE is no danger whatever from a lock jaw or blood poison resulting from a wound when Chamberlain's Pain Expeller is promptly applied. It is an antiseptic and destroys the germs which cause these diseases. It also causes wounds to heal without inflammation and in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

THE LAW COURTS.

THE FIRE ON THE S.S.

"POLAVEN."

FOUR SIMILAR FIRES WITHIN
A WEEK.ARGUMENT AGAINST MARINE
JURISDICTION.

A Marine Court of Enquiry sat this morning to investigate the circumstances of the recent fire on the Asiatic Petroleum Co's oil tanker, Polaven, while the vessel was at Kowloon Dock on November 2nd last.

The Court was composed of Com. C. W. Backwith R.N., Marine Stipendiary Magistrate, Com. F. Gibson R.M.S. Tamar, Capt. H. W. Walker, master s.s. Kiangtung.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. Hooper of Messrs Johnston Stokes and Master's office, appeared in support of the enquiry on behalf of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. and Mr. H. W. Looker, of Messrs Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston, appeared on behalf of the Kowloon Dock Co.

The President of the Court stated that since the Court adjourned he had received a letter from Messrs Deacon, Looker, Deacon, and Harston asking whether the master, officers or crew were on board the s.s. Polaven at the time of the fire.

Mr. Jenkin interposed stating that was not true. There were articles at present existing.

"I still maintain that there were no articles on board. My friend can prove otherwise if he cares and I submit there is no power under the Ordinance to investigate a case of this kind," went on Mr. Looker. His first point was that the Ordinance and necessarily that part of the Ordinance under which the present enquiry was asked for, must be read in a purely natural sense. He also contended that the Court was not competent to investigate the cause of the fire. If there could be no possible question involved on the question of the safety of life or property there could be no jurisdiction. The words "in the course of navigation" were emphasized by sub-section II which dealt with the constitution of the Court, which was to be constituted by a commissioned officer of the Royal Navy and masters of the British Mercantile Marine and other persons of nautical, engineering or special skill or knowledge. It was clear from that that the Board must consist of persons who were experienced in all nautical questions and it necessarily followed that the investigation could only be held in cases of ships casualties as laid down in the Ordinance and a ships casualty (a) should be deemed to have occurred "when in or near the coast of the Colony any British or Colonial ship is lost, abandoned or materially damaged."

He submitted that the words "materially damaged" must be read in conjunction with the words, "lost, abandoned" and the casualty referred to occurred in the course of the ships navigation. (b) when in or near the coast of the Colony any ship had been stranded or damaged. He submitted that inquiries could only be held when casualties occurred in the course and voyage when in or near the coast. If during the construction of a ship a derrick broke and part of the machinery fell through the bottom of the ship that damage could not come within the scope of the Ordinance. The sole object of the Ordinance was to enquire into the question of safety of life and property at sea with a view to protecting everyone concerned from accidents involving loss of life or property on the ship while at sea. The Marine Court was further appointed to enquire into definite charges of misconduct or incompetency and into charges which involved the consideration of the skill of the captain, officers or crew. The Ordinance authorized investigations in cases when the master, officers and crew actually existed. The Ordinance also required that the master should be served with a notice of the enquiry and there was no master for the purpose of that enquiry. The enquiry did not require any special ability from those who composed the Court and the investigation could be equally well determined by an ordinary jury in an ordinary civil case. In conclusion, Mr. Looker contended that the enquiry was not a judicial enquiry and that the Court was not competent to investigate the cause of the fire.

The second fire occurred at 19 Arthur Street, Yau-mai, and the premises were burnt to the ground. Owing to the dry weather there was grave danger of the fire consuming other houses. The Yau-mai Fire Brigade and Police set about extinguishing the fire and sent for assistance but before the Hongkong brigade arrived the outbreak was well under control. The second floor was used as a cigar factory and it is presumed that a dying match thrown carelessly down set the building ablaze.

The extent of the loss in both cases is not yet known.

FIRES IN THE COLONY.

A BUSY SUNDAY.

The Fire Brigade had a busy day yesterday, two fires occurring in different parts of the Colony. The first alarm came at 10.30 in the morning, fire having broken out on the ground floor of 24, Sai Street, occupied by the Kwong Chai Cheong firm as a medicine shop. The first and second floors were used as family houses. The building was 200 feet high and the fire spread to the second floor of the house adjoining Kwong Chai Cheong's house was gutted.

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INTERESTING MARRIAGE
QUESTION.CHINESE PASTOR AND AMERICAN
GIRL.

A Correspondent of the "N. C. Daily News," writing from Tientsin, says:—"It is not often that the marriage affairs of people not of royal blood, become international incidents, but such seems to have been the character of a romance recently culminating in Tientsin. An independent Chinese preacher contracted an engagement with an American girl, a missionary, living in another province. The preacher made application for permission to marry to the local official. This official passed the application on to the Taoyin, who in turn referred it to the civil governor. From the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Peking, and by negotiations were entered into with the proper American authorities."

The first serious accident that has occurred at the camp, and the first in which American employees have been injured.—*Cable News American*.

ADA REEVE ON TOUR.

TO VISIT HONGKONG.

On 27th October, Miss Ada Reeve sailed from Tilbury, the starting point of a world's tour which is to last two years. Egypt is her immediate destination, and both at Alexandria and Cairo she will have a short season. Then she proceeds to Bombay, appearing there at Christmas. Calcutta is to be visited later, and thenceforth the Straits Settlements, China, Japan, and in all likelihood, Australia and South Africa. She takes with her a full company with Mr. Clarence Blakiston as leading man, and a comprehensive repertoire, including among other pieces, "Edison's Choice," "Winnie Brooks," "Widow," in which she has been recently touring, under the title of "A Modern Eve." On her return to London she has been booked by Mr. Alfred Butts to appear at a West-end theatre.

CANTON BRITISH WAR CHARITIES.

A further sum of \$200 (making

\$1,410 10s. 0d. for this year) subscribed by British Residents in Canton has been remitted to London during October and November as undernoted:

Lord Kitchener's Fund	£50
Prisoners of War Fund	50
Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Fund	50
Kensington War Hospital Supply Depot	50
	£200

The following is a List of the Subscribers to date:

Already acknowledged for 1916.
\$11,133.27 and 244 10s. 0d.
S. M. Bander \$2, J. H. Barton \$10, R. K. Batcher \$20, F. C. Becke \$40, F. Norton Ball \$30, E. S. Bennett \$20, W. Booms \$10, Rev. A. H. Bray \$20, C. \$20, W. J. Carie \$10, Chinese Friends \$30, J. E. B. de Courcy \$20, A. H. Craig \$5, J. H. Crocker \$40, C. V. Darch \$30, H. F. Dent \$40, P. A. V. Dixon \$10, O. Eager \$20, Ellis \$10, H. T. Ford \$50, Dr. Forbes \$80, E. A. C. Frederichsen \$12, Rev. C. A. Gaff \$10, E. E. Garrard \$40, H. P. Harris \$20, P. L. O. Hill \$40, A. H. Hoeg \$20, Dr. A. W. Hooker \$20, A. Holson \$20, Rev. P. Jenkins \$10, F. E. Jeseland \$40, O. C. Kench \$40, G. O. Kitching \$30, C. A. McAllum \$200, A. G. McLoughlin \$5, Geo. H. McNew \$5, Rev. D. McGee \$25, T. N. Manners \$20, A. Martin \$10, A. Millar \$40, A. Mullis \$5, R. C. C. Ogilvy \$10, C. A. Peel \$20, G. L. Road \$20, C. H. Reid \$10, Dr. W. G. Reynolds \$10, C. H. J. Reis \$5, J. Ross \$10, E. H. Sandeman \$40, H. C. Scrimshaw \$10, C. H. Shields \$120, H. Staples Smith \$20, Frank Smith \$20, J. T. Smith \$20, E. H. Smyth \$40, W. Gordon States \$20, H. Sutton \$40, Rev. J. R. Temple \$25, Rev. S. G. Tappin \$20, G. F. Turner \$10, V. P. Waters \$20, C. E. Watson \$10, R. J. White \$20, A. G. Wilson \$20, N. A. Worley \$20, E. Marshall Wood \$40; Total \$1,920.

RAILWAY CAR ACCIDENT IN THE
PHILIPPINES.

THREE AMERICANS AND TWO

Two Americans, Jack Arnold and Joe Raymond, and two Filipinos, whose names could not be determined, were instantly killed one morning last week when a railway car belonging to the railway system installed at the Cadwallader-Gibson Lumber Camp at Lamay, Bataan, slid with a rush to the bottom of a 2,000 foot incline about six miles from the mill.

John A. Ward, another American employee, was so badly injured that he died at the St. Paul's hospital, to which institution he was conveyed, shortly after arrival.

A fourth, John Denham, is now lying at the hospital in a very serious condition and is not expected to live.

According to the reports that have come to Manila from the lumber camp there were nine men aboard the car at the time of the accident, six of them Americans. They were at the time going to work.

The railway over which they travel to their daily work is nine miles long. About six miles from the mill there is a steep incline about 2,000 feet long, giving a gradient of about 300 feet. The cars are lowered from one elevation to the other by means of a cable and a powerful engine.

This equipment is under constant inspection, according to the statement of Mr. Cadwallader, and is efficient in every way. The accident, according to reports that have been received, was due to the fact that someone apparently blundered in some way, as the man who should have been at the lever was not there.

Just as soon as the car took the incline it started down on its death dealing errand and no power back of the lever could then control the momentum it gained.

Two of the Americans aboard succeeded in jumping and thus saved themselves from being crushed to death below. The others were not so fortunate.

This is the first serious accident that has occurred at the camp, and the first in which American employees have been injured.—*Cable News American*.

THE "THEMIS" ASHORE AT
COLON.

THREE HOLDS FLOODED.

Telegrams received at Washington from Colon and transmitted to Manila on 24th 22nd ult state that the steamer Themis, a ground at Colon on the west breakwater, has held one, two and three holds flooded as a result of the accident. A diver is investigating the extent of the damage.

The ship is loaded with sugar from Bolivia.

BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR.

HOW TO FORWARD PARCELS.

The following letter has been sent to the London newspapers:—"The Central Prisoners of War Committee, recently established by the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John, has, with the authority of the Government, now made the necessary arrangements for coordinating and controlling the various associations and individuals at present sending parcels to British prisoners of war in Germany and other enemy and neutral countries. Those arrangements have been made with the view of securing:

1. That every prisoner shall receive an adequate supply of the comforts in the form of food, etc.
2. That the excellent work being done at present by associations and individuals shall be disturbed as little as possible.
3. That overlapping and consequent waste shall be reduced to a minimum.

We feel sure that these objects will be considered desirable. In order to obtain them the following arrangements have been made:

1. All parcels must be sent through the Central Committee or an association authorized by it. A list of such associations will be put up in every post-office.
2. Individual senders are requested not to send food parcels, but to arrange for this to be done by the "recognized association" shown in the list. Particulars of the food parcels and their cost and any further information can be had on application to the associations or to the Central Committee.

Funds will be required by the Central Prisoners of War Committee to provide for civilian prisoners, to supply the general needs of camps and prison hospitals, such as games, medical comforts, etc., and to enable it to meet demands from Regimental Care Committees for assistance. We have also undertaken to send out relatives to prisoners interned in Switzerland (a special fund has been opened for this purpose), and we propose to supply manure and personnel to enable such prisoners to carry out training in view of employment after the war.

We earnestly trust that individuals and organizations now collecting funds for prisoners of war will continue their efforts and will send the money collected either to the Central Committee or to the recognized associations of the Central Prisoners of War Committee at 4 Thurlow Place, S.W. (opposite Brompton Oratory). The work for prisoners of war has hitherto been carried on at 18 Carlton House Terrace, S.W. 1, and all communications should be addressed to the Secretary, Central Prisoners of War Committee, 4 Thurlow Place, London, S.W.—Yours, etc.

ARTHUR STANLEY, Chairman, Joint War Committee.

Prisoners of War Committee, October 29.

CINEMA ACTRESS LAW SUIT.

STORY OF FILM FROM VICTORIA
CROSS NOVEL.

Some idea of the sums spent in the production of cinema plays was revealed in an action brought by a film actress, Miss Hetty Payne, in the King's Bench. She sued the Holmfirth Producing Company, of Victoria Street, S.W., whose studios are at Hammersmith, for either £50 or £100, due under an agreement to take the leading part in a cinema play entitled "Paula."

Mr. Hastings said the company had paid £200 to the film rights of Victoria Cross's novel "Paula." Miss Payne was to take the name part, at a salary of a more super's pay, plus £50. She devoted from test to 15 hours a day in the production of the play, taking the leading part, but on February 7 she was dismissed after eight weeks of work.

The company now disputed what any amount was due beyond the salary. In March defendants sold the picture play for £2,500, to be paid in instalments, but she said it cost them more to produce. Miss Payne said she began as a film actress with the Hepworth Company five years ago. A "support" pay was 10s. 6d. a day for film work. She joined the Holmfirth she took parts in "White Star" and also in "Won by Love," which was sold for £200.

After telling her that Miss Bobby Rutland, a well known film actress, had offered to fill the part for £200, Mr. Hastings, the managing director, offered witness that sum plus her three guineas a week. Later he congratulated her on her success and said he would give her another part if the film was sold. She worked on Sundays, and made herself ill owing to the work.

Witness gave her evidence very rapidly and somewhat indistinctly, and Mr. Justice Avey remarked:—"It is a good thing you play in cinema plays and not in others." (Laughter.)

Miss Payne said she received excellent notices in the papers, except one, which said "Who Killed Poor Paula?" (Laughter.) She was now married and living at Dover.

Mr. Given, for the defence, said that the "Cinema" in its review of "Paula" said it was a "tragedy with more laughter than tears," and that they should not let the doctor in the piece be like a "gadfly who had strayed into the wrong house." (Laughter.) The company promised Miss Payne a bonus if the play were a success, but it was not.

Mr. Bertram Phillips, now managing director of the company, said the play was very bad indeed. The technique was bad. The company had never been paid the £2,500; all they had ever had was £150.

The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for £100, and judgment was entered accordingly.

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THE WAR.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE GREAT STRUGGLE IN RUMANIA.

FIGHTING ASSUMING THE CHARACTER OF A GREAT BATTLE.

LONDON, Dec. 4. General Brussiloff, employing fresh troops and countless guns, is defying the mass of snow with the evident intention of penetrating into Hungary and getting to the rear of General von Falkenhayn, but the region is most difficult for operations of masses of troops. It is a country of rugged mountain densely wooded and thinly populated, and is lacking in communications.

The fact that a Berlin communiqué mentions that General Mackensen is commanding in Rumania is regarded as showing that General von Falkenhayn has been transferred elsewhere.

The enemy is now threatening Bukharest also from the south-east, having seized the village of Gostinari, nineteen miles distant. The Rumanian Army is still intact with heavy guns and munitions.

RUSSIANS SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKING.

LATER. A Russian official communiqué relating to the Transylvania operations says:

We successfully attacked in the valleys of the Rivers Trotus and Suly and occupied Axand Sulten, taking 800 prisoners.

The Danube and Argis Valley fighting is assuming the character of a great battle.

The Rumanians outflanked by cavalry from the south are retiring in a south-easterly direction.

The Rumanians south of Bukharest with assistance from the Russians are successfully developing operations. Prisoners and at least 26 guns have been captured.

A Rumanian communiqué says: In the course of various attacks in Moldavia and North Wallachia we have taken 189 prisoners. On our Western front we have retired towards Titu. We defeated and drove back, southward a Division of Turks. The main body of the Germano-Bulgars is in the regions of Glavaciov and Neaglov.

GERMAN GOVERNOR OF RUMANIAN TERRITORY.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 3. General von Tschepund-Weidenbach, formerly the commander of the 8th Rhenish Corps, has been appointed Governor of the occupied part of Rumania.

The other Central Powers are represented in its administration.

BAD WEATHER IN MACEDONIA.

PARIS, Dec. 4. Bad weather is hampering operations in Macedonia.

SUBMARINE PIRACY.

LONDON, Dec. 3. The steamers *Burembis* (British), *Skjotoculf* (Norwegian) and the sailer *Brianthus* (French) have been sunk.

It is believed that the British steamer *Istar* has also been sunk. The Rotterdam Lloyd liner *Kalori* was sunk while homeward bound from the Dutch East Indies. The estimated loss of £600,000 will fall on the Dutch insurance market. It is expected that German insurance offices there participate.

Other ships sunk are the steamers *Egholm*, (Danish) and *Nysal* (Norwegian), two British schooners, a Russian schooner, a French sailing ship.

SWEDISH STEAMER TORPEDOED.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 3. A German submarine has torpedoed the Swedish steamer *Douglas* and towed the crew in boats to the coast of Jutland where Danish fishermen picked them up.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 4. An Italian official announcement says: We have straightened our line at Carso on a 10-mile front and captured 344 prisoners.

THE POLITICAL CRISIS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

RUMOURED RESIGNATION OF MR. LLOYD GEORGE AND MR. BONAR LAW.

LONDON, Dec. 3. The Lobby Correspondent of *The Times* says important political developments are imminent. There will be a trial of strength between Parliament and the Cabinet next week when there will be debates on a Vote of Credit, Man-Power, and National Feeding. Some Peers have decided to press for a secret session of the House of Lords to discuss the whole war position.

The *Daily Chronicle* says rumours of a drastic reconstruction of the Government are unfounded, but a new War Council is probable, to consist of Mr. Asquith, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Balfour, with Admiral Sir John Jellicoe and General Sir William Robertson. It is likely, Sir Edward Carson joins the Cabinet as a Minister without a portfolio. He will become a member of the War Council. It is unlikely that Admiral Sir John Fisher will join the War Council. He recently declined to go to the Admiralty in an advisory capacity.

LONDON, Dec. 4. The *Weekly Dispatch* says the cause of the crisis in political circles was Mr. Lloyd George's proposal to form a small War Council including Sir Edward Carson and excluding Mr. Asquith and Mr. Balfour.

The *Observer* states that certain Ministers, principally Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Bonar Law, are resolved not to continue in office on the present terms. It was rumoured last night that both had resigned. The *Observer* advocates that an Admiral should be appointed First Lord of the Admiralty, replacing Mr. Balfour.

The *Sunday Times* says that Sir Edward Carson is quite willing to join a Cabinet headed by Mr. Lloyd George.

LATER. To-night's papers state that the Government crisis is unabated.

Apparently Mr. Lloyd George's resignation has not yet been accepted. Mr. Asquith consulted Mr. Lloyd George during the afternoon and again in the evening. The Premier also consulted Mr. Bonar Law, Lord Crewe and the Hon. E. Montague.

It is expected that the Prime Minister will make a statement in the House of Commons tomorrow (Monday).

THE WESTERN FRONT.

BRITISH RAID TRENCHES.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports: We raided trenches southward of Fanguissart and eastward of Ypres.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

PARIS, Dec. 3. A French communiqué reports an intense artillery duel at Bureux. Quiet prevails elsewhere.

Seven of our aeroplanes during the night heavily bombed factories at Thionville, Hangars and cantonments at Eton.

The Germans have recommenced firing heavy shells in the direction of Nancy.

PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMANY.

29,297 DEATHS AMONG THEM.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 4. An official statement published in Berlin shows that there were 1,669,794 prisoners of war in Germany on July 1st.

The deaths of prisoners during the war had totalled 39,597, including 8,035 from tuberculosis, 4,501 from pneumonia and 3,570 from wounds. The

GRAVE SITUATION IN GREECE.

GREEK TROOPS OPEN FIRE ON ALLIES.

ALLIED DETACHMENTS WITHDRAWN TO PIRAEUS.

LONDON, Dec. 4. A telegram from Athens, despatched on the afternoon of the 3rd inst., states that 600 British and French marines marched out to Zappeion with all equipment under a strong Greek guard. En route from the Piraeus the neighbouring streets were cleared to prevent a demonstration against the Entente.

The detachment of Italian marines which yesterday took refuge in the Italian Archeological School, were quietly permitted to depart with a Greek escort, on the intervention of the Italian Minister.

LATER. The telegrams from Athens leave the situation obscure. The present indications are that the Allied detachments ashore were only landed as a measure of precaution. They were ordered not to forcibly seize the promised material.

Meanwhile Greek troops suddenly on the 1st inst. assumed the aggressive and attacked the detachments with rifles and machine-guns. A number were killed and wounded. Thereupon French, British and Italian bluejackets and French troops were landed. Collisions then occurred at several points.

Greek troops fired on the British and Italians. Two cannon shots were fired from an adjacent hill at Zappeion where Admiral Fournet and the British and French Ministers and the French bluejackets were.

Afterwards machine-guns opened fire. There were many casualties. The bluejackets at Zappeion did not reply, but the Fleet fired a few shots to silence the Greek cannon.

What then happened is not stated. A despatch announcing the withdrawal of the Allies to the Piraeus, dated Saturday afternoon, is the last received.

GREECE BLOCKADED.

PARIS, Dec. 4. The Allies have decided to place an embargo on Greek ships lying at the former's ports. Greece, therefore, is in a state of blockade.

AN EXPLANATION OF THE CRISIS.

LONDON, Dec. 4. A telegram from Athens says that the King spontaneously offered in October to surrender to the Allies the bulk of the war material and guns as compensation for those delivered to the Bulgarians and Germans, receiving an indemnity therefor. He stipulated to maintain neutrality and agreed that Greek volunteers should be free to fight Greece's enemy. The King did not observe his engagement, being gradually overwhelmed by hostility excited by the intrigues of the Germans and Gounaristas, and declared his powerlessness to maintain order. The Government refused to ratify the King's written engagement.

BRITAIN'S FINANCIAL STRENGTH.

NO FRESH TAXATION CONTEMPLATED.

LONDON, Dec. 2. The Hon. R. McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a written reply to a question put in the House of Commons says he anticipates the Budget estimate of expenditure will have materially increased. Nevertheless he does not contemplate fresh taxation at present.

MILITARY REWARDS.

LONDON, Dec. 3. The Distinguished Service Order has been awarded Sub-Lieutenant Edward Posing and the Distinguished Service Cross is given to Lieutenant Egbert Cadbury and Sub-Lieutenant Gerard Fane, of the Naval Air Service, in recognition of the destruction of Tuesday's Zeppelin on the Norfolk Coast.

MR. ERNEST SHACKLETON IN NEW ZEALAND.

WELLINGTON, Dec. 3. Mr. Ernest Shackleton, who led the expedition to Antarctica, is expected to arrive in New Zealand tomorrow.

THE DEATH OF POSTI.

ROME, Dec. 4. The death is announced of Signor Paolo Posti, the famous song writer.

THE BEST COUGH MEDICINE.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy is the best cough medicine because it does not irritate the throat, it soothes the inflamed membrane, and it cures the cough.

Y. C. KIRKMAN MISSING.

LONDON, Dec. 3. Major Herbert V. C. of the Royal

RUSSIA'S DETERMINATION.

PREMIER'S EMPHATIC DECLARATION.

TO FIGHT UNTIL COMPLETE VICTORY IS ATTAINED.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 3. The Duma has re-opened.

The Premier, M. Trepoff, in a speech said Russia would never lay down her arms till complete victory had been attained, whatever difficulties and temporary checks had to be encountered. The power of the enemy had been shaken, but immense efforts were required to definitely break his resistance.

M. Trepoff said this declaration was made in accord with the Allies who were absolutely united on the subject. After obtaining sovereign possession of a free passage to the Mediterranean Russia would grant freedom of navigation to Rumania.

He emphasized that Russia, besides reconquering the territories occupied by the enemy, must wrest Prussian and Austrian Poland from the enemies and reconstruct a free Poland inseparably united to Russia.

He regretted the food and transport difficulties in many localities and said the Government would take measures to firmly establish order behind the armies. He recognised the necessity of vast railway construction; the increase of the production of metals and fuel; the erection of munitions factories and the development of technical education. A Bill would be introduced for compulsory elementary education.

RUSSIA'S RIGHT TO STRAITS AND CONSTANTINOPLE.

M. Trepoff announced that an Anglo-Franco-Russian agreement was concluded in 1915, to which Italy adhered, which definitely established Russia's right to the Straits (of Bosphorus and Dardanelles) and Constantinople.

M. Trepoff was prevented for three quarters of an hour from beginning his speech by hostile demonstrations by socialists and labourites. A dozen demonstrators were eventually expelled.

THE GERMAN MASS LEVY.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 3. The Reichstag has passed the third reading of the Compulsion Bill by 235 votes to 19 after a heated discussion, a section of the Socialists denouncing the enslavement of the workmen and the deportation of Belgians.

The Kaiser has telegraphed to the Chancellor his great delight over the adoption of the Civilian Service Bill which showed the people were filled with such uniform determination as to make every sacrifice of blood, treasure and labour for a victorious defence of the Fatherland. They must maintain against everyone the place amongst the civilised nations which they had gained by intelligence, industry, and moral strength; they could not be conquered.

UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO BERLIN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3. Mr. Gerard the United States Ambassador returns to Berlin on December 5th. He will be instructed to emphasise the deep concern of the United States in regard to the deportations from Belgium.

GERMAN PREPARATIONS FOR THE WAR.

INTERESTING GERMAN STATEMENT.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 2. In the *Berlin Post* Baron Zedlitz declares that the German Chancellor in 1911 requested the Ministry of the Interior to begin an economic preparation for war.

ANGLO-FRENCH TREASURY BILLS.

PROPOSED SALE IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. It is announced that Messrs. Morgan have withdrawn their proposed sale of Anglo-French Treasury Bills.

DEATH OF POSTI.

ROME, Dec. 4. The death is announced of Signor Paolo Posti, the famous song writer.

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LONDON, Dec. 3. Major Herbert V. C. of the Royal

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

BRITISH POLITICAL CRISIS.

RUMOURS AND SPECULATIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 3. The Political Crisis continues the sensation of the hour, and has been accentuated by the fact that Mr. Asquith and General Sir William Robertson have had audience with the King. The evening newspapers thereupon predicted the resignation of Mr. Asquith, but recognised that he would consult the King on any important Government changes.

UNPRECEDENTED PRESS ATTACKS.

The present press attacks on the Government have reached a height unprecedented since the beginning of the war. Even journals distinguished for moderation have been recently critical and disatisfied with the Government's alleged dishonesty, chiefly on the food and manpower questions, and the alleged weakness of the Foreign Office and the management of the Navy.

There is, however, a widespread, if less vocal, sentiment that the critics fail to credit the Administration with its great achievements in the military and financial fields in the two years of war.

MR. BONAR LAW AS STOP-GAP PREMIER.

The chief sensation yesterday was the prophecy of the *Manchester Guardian* that Mr. Bonar Law would be a kind of stop-gap Premier paving the way for Mr. Lloyd George.

"PERIODICAL PATCH OF BAD WEATHER."

The *Herald* *Gazette*, which sums up the situation as "The Government encountering one of its periodical patches of bad weather," declares that none of the prevalent rumours corresponds with the facts, and says the House of Commons is undoubtedly restive, but it is untrue to suggest that the majority of the Members desire a change of Government. It continues: "Mr. Asquith has unique hold on the Commons, and Members still expect a statement by Mr. Asquith on the 6th December, which will clear up the situation."

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S ATTITUDE.

Reynold's Newspaper states that Mr. Lloyd George, dissatisfied with the dilatoriness of the War Council in prosecuting the war, has tendered his resignation because Mr. Asquith declines to diminish the War Council. Mr. Bonar Law and Lord Derby will probably follow Mr. Lloyd George's example. Mr. Lloyd George intends starting a campaign in the country. There is every indication of a Lloyd George-Carson combination in favour of a more rigorous prosecution of the war.

FUNERAL OF THE EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 4. The funeral of the late Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary was carried through with great pomp, and was attended by representatives of the Allied and Neutral States. Members of the Austro-Hungarian Parliament and detachments of the Field Army were also present. Hundreds of thousands watched the procession from the Hofburg Chapel to St. Stephen's Cathedral, where the coffin was blessed and then placed in the Mausoleum in the Capuchin Church, between those of the Empress Elizabeth and the Crown Prince Rudolf.

GERMAN PEACE EFFORTS IN HOLLAND.

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 4. Certain German personalities have arrived in Holland for the purpose of conferring with pacifist propagandists.

OUTRAGES IN POLAND.

PROTEST BY AMERICAN POLES.

LONDON, Dec. 3. Mr. Asquith, replying to an indignant protest by American Poles against Austro-German outrages in Poland, declared that the Government and the public of the British Empire fully sympathise with the opinion expressed on the plight of the Poles and this fresh violation by the Central Powers of the law and usage of modern warfare.

GERMAN COMPULSION BILL.

CONCESSION TO OPPOSITION.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 4. Despatches from Berlin state that the Government, owing to the strength of the opposition, have been obliged to considerably revise the Compulsion Bill and concede its control by a Reichstag Committee.

Eight Socialist meetings to protest against the Bill have been prohibited. The Socialists Herr Haves and Dithmann summoned the Government to restore freedom to the workmen, especially the Belgians, whose deportation was contrary to the Hague Convention and was in defiance of General von Bismarck's promise. Dr. Helfferich deplored the discussion, which he said would have a bad effect on the troops at the front. He asserted that the forcing of the Belgians to work was in accordance with international law. It was intolerable that an idle, turbulent population should remain in the war zone.

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THE STRUGGLE IN RUMANIA.

RUSSIANS GAIN A FOOTING IN KIRLEDABA.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 3. Private advices state that the Russians, after fighting their way across intervening heights, have gained a footing in Kirledaba, where fighting is proceeding.

The Germans occupy a number of the houses and are resisting desperately, firing from the roofs and windows.

The Germans have concentrated a large number of reserves at the west of the town and are beginning a counter-attack.

RUSSIAN SUCCESSES NEAR BUKHAREST AND IN DOBRUDJA.

LONDON, Dec. 2. A Russian communiqué states: South of Bukharest enemy attacks were repelled. The enemy was driven from Comana and Gostinari, captured yesterday.

In Dobrudja we gained possession of the western part of Cernavoda bridge.

GERMANS DISAPPOINTED.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 3. The Germans are disappointed at the absence of details of the alleged colossal booty captured in Rumania.

THE RUMANIAN WHEAT STOCK.

ROME, Dec. 2. The International Institute of Agriculture estimates that the Rumanian wheat stock amounts to 105,000,000 bushels.

It is believed that the Rumanians will destroy what they are unable to carry off.

ROYAL ORDER TO RESIST.

LONDON, Dec. 3. The *Daily Telegraph* Athens correspondent says that the King has ordered his troops to resist if the Allies occupy buildings in the possession of the

AUSTRIANS MISSING TROOPS IN CARSO.

A STRATEGIC MOVE.

UDINESE, Dec. 2. The Austrians are missing troops in the Carso with the view to an attack which they hope to make it more difficult for the Italians to capture Comin and Porto Delfero, two strongholds defending passes leading to Trieste.

THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION.

STREETS OF CHIHUAHUA COVERED WITH DEAD.

JUARAZ, December 2. The remnants of Carranza's army have arrived from Chihuahua and state that when they evacuated the town the streets were covered with dead after four days fighting against the Villistas.

THE LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE.

A LEAGUE OF NATIONS AFTER THE WAR.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1. The League to Enforce Peace has repudiated, through Mr. Taft, its President, a speech made by Mr. Jacob Schiff, at the League's dinner on November 24 urging the League to take immediate steps to terminate the war. Mr. Taft says Mr. Schiff spoke only for himself, and adds: "The League is not a stop-the-war movement. Its aim is to secure, after the war, a League of Nations."

U.S. AND SANTO DOMINGO.

AMERICANS APPOINT A GOVERNOR TO THE REPUBLIC.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. The United States has appointed a Governor of Santo Domingo and established temporary military government in consequence of the Republic's refusal to permit the payment of the

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Wire ... 172 1/2
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Wire ... 172 1/2
On demand ... 172 1/2
On Singapore—
On demand ... 110 1/2
On Shanghai—
On demand ... 110 1/2
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On Yokohama—
On demand ... 108
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per ton) ... 3270
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Correspondence addressed to many subjects in China, Spain, Liberia, Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

Mails will close for—
HONGKONG & HAIPHONG.
Per s.s. Athos, at 8 a.m., on Tuesday, the 5th Dec.

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Per s.s. Athos, at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, the 5th Dec.

SWATOW.
Per s.s. Athos, at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, the 5th Dec.

STRAITS, MAURITIUS, DELAGOA BAY, DURBAN, EAST LONDON, PORT ELIZABETH, MOSSEL BAY & CAPE TOWN.
Per s.s. Athos, at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, the 5th Dec.

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Per s.s. Athos, at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, the 5th Dec.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.
(Europe via Siberia).
Per s.s. Athos, at 2.15 p.m., on Tuesday, the 5th Dec.

(Shanghai Ch. P.O., Saturday, 9th Dec.)

HAIPHONG.
Per s.s. Athos, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 5th Dec.

JAPAN via MOJI.
Per s.s. Athos, at 8 a.m., on Wednesday, the 6th Dec.

SANDAKAN.
Per s.s. Athos, at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, the 6th Dec.

AMOI, SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.
Per s.s. Athos, at 3 p.m., on Wednesday, the 6th Dec.

SWATOW, AMOI & FORMOSA via TAKAO.
Per s.s. Athos, at 7 a.m., on Thursday, the 7th Dec.

HONGKONG & HAIPHONG.
Per s.s. Athos, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the 7th Dec.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.
(Europe via Siberia).
Per s.s. Athos, at 2.15 p.m., on Thursday, the 7th Dec.

(Shanghai Ch. P.O., Monday, 11th Dec.)

SWATOW, AMOI & FORMOSA via TAKAO.
Per s.s. Athos, at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 8th Dec.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN via NAGASAKI, VICTORIA & TACOMA.
Per s.s. Athos, at 1 p.m., on Friday, the 8th Dec.

STRAITS, CEYLON, DELAGOA BAY, CAPE TOWN & UNITED KINGDOM.
Per s.s. Athos, at 10.15 a.m., on Saturday, the 9th Dec.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN via KOBE, HONOLULU & SAN FRANCISCO.
Per s.s. Athos, at 10.15 a.m., on Saturday, the 9th Dec.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.
Per s.s. Athos, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 9th Dec.

SWATOW.
Per s.s. Athos, at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, the 12th Dec.

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

December 2.
Glenalloch, British steamer, 1,424 A. McKinnon, Amoy and Swatow Dec. 1, General—CURRIE.
Chingchow, British steamer, 1,163, Jao Doyle, Port Paravel Nov. 23, Lino Stone—SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
Tsunima Maru, Japanese str., 4,103, S. Muramatsu, Kobe Nov. 19, and Manila 28, General—N. Y. K.

December 3.
Sinking, British steamer, 1,615, Wm. Benson, Shanghai Nov. 30, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Changchow, British str., 1,208, J. Robinson, Bangkok Nov. 14, Rice and General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Chiyun, Chinese str., 1,177, W. R. A. White, Shanghai Nov. 30, General—C. M. S. N. Co.
Hui Hong, British steamer, 1,370, J. W. Evans, Focchoo, Amoy and Swatow Dec. 2, General—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

December 4.
Changchow, British str., 1,313, E. Monkman, from Ufaeo, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Kwangchow, British str., 1,248, W. F. Richard, Shanghai Nov. 29, and Swatow Dec. 2, General—JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO., LTD.

Hongkong, French str., 739, A. Marquette, Haiphong via Hainan Dec. 2, General—A. R. MARY.

Kaipag, British steamer, 1,480, R. Macfarlane, Singapore Nov. 25, General—DOUGLAS & CO., LTD.

Sosa Maru, Japanese str., 1,006, J. Kurimura, Takao, via Amoy and Swatow Dec. 2, General—O. S. K.

Wingang, British str., from Canton.

Yueang, British str., from Canton.

Kwangchow, Chinese str., from Canton.

Polynesian, French str., 3,550, L. Mourou, Japan and Shanghai Dec. 1, Mails and General—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

DEPARTURES.

December 3.
Peking, for Shanghai and Yokohama.
Hainan, for Swatow and Bangkok.
Tsunima, for Kobe.
Changchow, for Saigon.
Kwangchow, for Haiphong.
Kaiyo Maru, for Swatow and Tamsui.
Hui Hong, for Canton.
Kaiyo Maru, for Bangkok.
Kwangchow, for Canton.
Changchow, for Saigon.

December 4.
Wingang, for Swatow and Shanghai.
Kwangchow, for Amoy and Singapore.
Sosa Maru, for Canton.
Chiyun, for Canton.

CLEARED.

Polynesian, for Haiphong and Marseilles.
Changchow, for Port Paravel.
Kwangchow, for Haiphong and Haiphong.
Wingang, for Swatow and Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Sinking, from Shanghai, Mr. Powell, Mrs. Walker.
Per Hui Hong, from Coast Port, Rev. Bishop T. Aguirre, Rev. Father B. Garcia, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. M. J. Pezina.
Per Kwangchow, from Shanghai, Mr. Walker.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British steamer Sinking from Shanghai reports: Strong N.E. monsoon.
The British steamer Changchow from Bangkok reports: Strong heavy N.E. monsoon and high rough seas throughout. Vessel found to be strained forward and leaky.
The British steamer Chingchow from Chiofo reports: Fresh monsoon, fine and clear.
The British steamer Kaiping from Singapore reports: Strong N.E. gale and high sea.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

Mails.
The Toyo Kisen Kaisha Co.'s s.s. Siberia will leave Yokohama for this port on the 23rd Nov. with the U.S.A. Mail, and is due here on 4th Dec.

Other Vessels.
The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. Venezuela leaves Manila on Dec. 3rd for Hongkong, and may be expected to arrive here on December 6th, and will leave for San Francisco on December 8th, at noon.

The Red Line s.s. Benzon from Middlesbrough and London, left Singapore for this port on the 1st December, and may be expected to arrive here on or about 7th December.
The Pacific Mail Co.'s s.s. Ecuador left Honolulu on Nov. 28th for Hongkong via Yokohama, and may be expected to arrive here on December 31st, and will leave for San Francisco on December 30th at noon.

Latest Advice.
The E. & A. s.s. Eastern from Sydney and Queensland Ports, left Manila for this port on 4th December, and may be expected to arrive here on 8th December, at noon.
The P. & O. Outward Mail steamer Kangaroo with the London Mail of the 16th ultimo arrived at Port Said on Saturday, the 2nd Dec.

PASSENGERS EXPECTED.

Per P. & O. s.s. Athos. From London Sept. 29, Rev. and Mrs. Sills and child, Rev. L. M. Craddock, Mr. Anton.
Per P. & O. s.s. Kaiser-Rhind. From London, Oct. 13, Mr. W. J. Crawford, Mr. Griffin.
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Sowa Maru. From London, Oct. 21, Mrs. F. O. Green, Mrs. L. M. Murray and child, Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Preston, Miss N. Wheeler, Miss Macintosh, Miss Gilchrist, Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie, Miss Ritchie, Miss A. H. Megitt, Dr. and Mrs. Evan Jones, Mrs. Gordon and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. Little, Mr. L. L. Verreux, Mr. and Mrs. Aquino and child, Miss Woodhouse.

Per P. & O. s.s. Moolten. From London Oct. 27, Miss Jones, Miss Winter, Mr. Somerville.
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Arima Maru. From London, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Leake and two children, Mr. E. Halliday and child, Miss Starkey.
Per P. & O. s.s. Kashmir. From London Nov. 10, Mr. and Mrs. Avenall and child.
Per P. & O. s.s. Arabia. From London, Dec. 3, Miss Aris, Mr. Dalby.
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Iyo Maru. From London, Mr. Koch.
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Miyazaki Maru. From London, Mr. and Mrs. Oliphant.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1887-8-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauges at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

December 6th to 11th, 1916.

HIGH WATER				LOW WATER			
Day	Time	Height	Day	Time	Height	Day	Time
6	5.57	12.5	7	5.57	12.5	8	5.57
7	6.17	12.5	8	6.17	12.5	9	6.17
8	6.37	12.5	9	6.37	12.5	10	6.37
9	6.57	12.5	10	6.57	12.5	11	6.57
10	7.17	12.5	11	7.17	12.5	12	7.17
11	7.37	12.5	12	7.37	12.5	13	7.37
12	7.57	12.5	13	7.57	12.5	14	7.57
13	8.17	12.5	14	8.17	12.5	15	8.17
14	8.37	12.5	15	8.37	12.5	16	8.37
15	8.57	12.5	16	8.57	12.5	17	8.57
16	9.17	12.5	17	9.17	12.5	18	9.17
17	9.37	12.5	18	9.37	12.5	19	9.37
18	9.57	12.5	19	9.57	12.5	20	9.57
19	10.17	12.5	20	10.17	12.5	21	10.17
20	10.37	12.5	21	10.37	12.5	22	10.37
21	10.57	12.5	22	10.57	12.5	23	10.57
22	11.17	12.5	23	11.17	12.5	24	11.17

TEMPERATURE.

Hongkong, December 4, 1916.
BAROMETER 9 A.M. ... 30.15
Do 1 P.M. ... 30.03
Do 3 P.M. ... 30.02

Thermometer 9 A.M. ... 89
Do 1 P.M. ... 89
Do 3 P.M. ... 88

Do (wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... 73
Do (wet bulb) 1 P.M. ... 72
Do (wet bulb) 3 P.M. ... 71

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 4th at 11.35.—Pressure has increased slightly over N. Japan and the Philippines, and decreased slightly to moderately elsewhere. The continental anticyclone has weakened somewhat, but to the east of Japan is moving slowly north eastwards. A depression is moving eastwards across S. Manchuria and pressure is relatively low over the south part of the China Sea.

Fresh to moderate monsoon will prevail over the north part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 5th December—

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N.E. winds, fresh to moderate; fine.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Liancocks: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

OFFICIAL NIGHT IN DECEMBER.

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of December, 1916—

Date	Ends	Ends	Ends
Dec. 4th	6.38 a.m.	6.49 p.m.	
5th	6.38	6.50	
6th	6.37	6.50	
7th	6.38	6.50	
8th	6.40	6.50	
9th	6.41	6.51	
10th	6.41	6.51	
11th	6.41	6.51	
12th	6.42	6.52	
13th	6.43	6.53	
14th	6.43	6.53	
15th	6.43	6.53	
16th	6.43	6.53	
17th	6.43	6.53	
18th	6.44	6.54	
19th	6.44	6.54	
20th	6.45	6.55	
21st	6.45	6.55	
22nd	6.46	6.56	
23rd	6.47	6.57	
24th	6.48	6.58	
25th	6.48	6.58	
26th	6.48	6.58	
27th	6.48	6.58	
28th	6.48	6.58	
29th	6.48	6.58	
30th	6.50	6.59	
31st	6.50	6.59	

ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

HONGKONG DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

DECEMBER 4, 1916.—a.m.

Station	Hour	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Humidity	Direction of Wind	Force of Wind	Weather
Winstock	5 a.	30.15	89	—	—	—	—
Nemiro	5 a.	30.30	89	—	—	—	—
Harbour	5 a.	30.31	89	—	—	—	—
Victoria	5 a.	30.28	89	—	—	—	—
Kowloon	5 a.	30.28	89	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	5 a.	30.28	89	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	5 a.	30.21	89	—	—	—	—
Yokohama	5 a.	30.14	89	—	—	—	—
Naha	5 a.	30.09	89	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	5 a.	30.09	89	—	—	—	—
Amoy	5 a.	30.09	89	—	—	—	—
Swatow	5 a.	30.12	89	—	—	—	—
Taipei	5 a.	30.12	89	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	5 a.	30.12	89	—	—	—	—
Kobe	5 a.	30.12	89	—	—	—	—
Yokohama	5 a.	30.12	89	—	—	—	—
Winstock	5 a.	30.15	47	55	W	1	b
Nemiro	5 a.	30.30	47	55	W	1	b
Harbour	5 a.	30.31	47	55	W	1	b
Victoria	5 a.	30.28	47	55	W	1	b
Kowloon	5 a.	30.28	47	55	W	1	b
Nagasaki	5 a.	30.28	47	55	W	1	b
Kagoshima	5 a.	30.21	47	55	W	1	b
Yokohama	5 a.	30.14	47	55	W	1	b
Naha	5 a.	30.09	47	55	W	1	b
Shanghai	5 a.	30.09	47	55	W	1	b
Amoy	5 a.	30.09	47	55	W	1	b
Swatow	5 a.	30.12	47	55	W	1	b
Taipei	5 a.	30.12	47	55	W	1	b
Shanghai	5 a.	30.12	47	55	W	1	b
Kobe	5 a.	30.12	47	55	W	1	b
Yokohama	5 a.	30.12	47	55	W	1	b
Winstock	5 a.	30.15	64	100	W	1	b
Nemiro	5 a.	30.30	64	100	W	1	b
Harbour	5 a.	30.31	64	100	W	1	b
Victoria	5 a.	30.28	64	100	W	1	b
Kowloon	5 a.	30.28	64	100	W	1	b
Nagasaki	5 a.	30.28	64	100	W	1	b
Kagoshima	5 a.	30.21	64	100	W	1	b
Yokohama	5 a.	30.14	64	100	W	1	b
Naha	5 a.	30.09	64	100	W	1	b
Shanghai	5 a.	30.09	64	100	W	1	b
Amoy	5 a.	30.09	64	100	W	1	b
Swatow	5 a.	30.12	64	100	W	1	b
Taipei	5 a.	30.12	64	100	W	1	b
Shanghai	5 a.	30.12	64	100	W	1	b
Kobe	5 a.	30.12	64	100	W	1	b
Yokohama	5 a.	30.12	64	100	W	1	b
Winstock	5 a.	30.15	63	96	W	2	b
Nemiro	5 a.	30.30	63	96	W	2	b
Harbour	5 a.	30.31	63	96	W	2	b
Victoria	5 a.	30.28	63	96	W	2	b
Kowloon	5 a.	30.28	63	96	W	2	b
Nagasaki	5 a.	30.28	63	96	W	2	b
Kagoshima	5 a.	30.21	63	96	W	2	b
Yokohama	5 a.	30.14	63	96	W	2	b
Naha	5 a.	30.09	63	96	W	2	b
Shanghai	5 a.	30.09	63	96	W	2	b
Amoy	5 a.	30.09	63	96	W	2	b
Swatow	5 a.	30.12	63	96	W	2	b
Taipei	5 a.	30.12	63	96	W	2	b
Shanghai	5 a.	30.12	63	96	W	2	b
Kobe	5 a.	30.12	63	96	W	2	b
Yokohama	5 a.	30.12	63	96	W	2	b
Winstock	5 a.	30.15	64	100	W	1	b
Nemiro	5 a.	30.30	64	100	W	1	b
Harbour	5 a.	30.31	64	100	W	1	b
Victoria	5 a.	30.28	64	100	W	1	b
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Nagasaki	5 a.	30.28	64	100	W	1	b
Kagoshima	5 a.	30.21	64	100	W	1	b
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Shanghai	5 a.	30.12	64	100	W	1	b
Kobe	5 a.	30.12	64	100	W	1	b
Yokohama	5 a.	30.12	64	100	W	1	b
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